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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF KHARTOUM MURDERERS

REF: A) JIDDA 3651; B) KHARTOUM 1537; C) STATE 136126

1. I SAW MUHAMMAD MAS'UD, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER,
TODAY (JUNE 26); GAVE HIM COPY OF SECRETARY SISCO'S
EXCELLENT STATEMENT (REF C) ON THE KHARTOUM MURDERS.
I ALSO EXPRESSED MY OWN VIEWS FULLY.

2. MAS'UD READ ME THE ACCOUNT OF NIMIERI'S RATIONALI-
ZATION WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE SAUDI CHARGE (REF B).

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IT BOILED DOWN TO "EVERYBODY ELSE - GERMANY, GREECE,

KUWAIT - HAS RELEASED PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS. HOW CAN I BE DIFFERENT? BESIDES, THIS IS A PALESTINIAN RESPONSIBILITY; LET THEM HANDLE IT."

3. I ASKED MAS'UD IF HE ACCEPTED THIS REASONING. HE SAID HE DID NOT; IN FACT HE AGREED COMPLETELY WITH WHAT I HAD SAID EARLIER. FURTHERMORE, HE THOUGHT MOST ARAB STATES WOULD DISAPPROVE NIMIERI'S ACTION.

4. I SAID I WAS GRATIFIED AND WOULD WAIT ANXIOUSLY FOR THE PUBLIC ARAB CONDEMNATION. WHEN COULD WE EXPECT SAUDI ARABIA TO MAKE ITS STATEMENT? HE SQUIRMED AND SAID "YOU KNOW HOW WE ARE." ALAS, I DO. BUT I DID NOT RESPOND.

5. MY MEETING WITH PRINCE FAHD HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING (0800 JUNE 27). I PLAN TO GO THROUGH ALL THIS WITH HIM.

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